

10 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

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1. Confirming my telephone conversation with [redacted] on 10 March, the Director discussed the problems raised in the attached memorandum with Mr. Roger Jones, Deputy Under Secretary for Administration, and was advised by him that (1) the Department would not need the device in question during the demonstration of "the room" to the Appropriations Committee, and (2) the only reason for the demonstration was to convince the committee that some type of secure room is needed and therefore additional funds are required for this purpose. Mr. Jones also told the Director that the demonstration of the State secure room did not necessarily mean it was the best or the one that would ultimately be used.
2. The Director advised Mr. Jones that while there had been "friendly competition" between the Department and ourselves in developing this project, it was his understanding that the comparative tests run by Dr. Baker of Bell Laboratories indicated that our room is superior and that he (DCI) is only interested in obtaining the best device to protect the security of U. S. communications.
3. Messrs. Bissell and Helms have been advised of the above.

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Executive Officer

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